GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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KOLLAM-VIRUTHIINAGAR GAUGE CONVERSION PROJECT
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether necessary sanction has been accorded to the Kollam-Viruthunagar gauge conversion project;

(b) if so, whether the acquisition of land for this project has been completed and handed over to the Railways;

(c) if so, the progress of work done so far on the project; and

(d) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) to (d): Kollam (Quilon)-Virudhunagar is a part of Quilon-Tenkasi-Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur and Tenkasi-Virudhunagar (357 Kilometres) gauge conversion project. Work on Virudhunagar- Tenkasi (121 Kilometres) section has been completed and opened for traffic. Work on Quilon- Tenkasi-Tiruchendur (236 Kilometres) is in various stages of progress.

On Quilon-Tenkasi (101 Kilometres) section, State Government has handed over the land for Quilon-Punalur (45 Kilometres) section. However, land owners are obstructing the work. Quilon-Punalur is Mkely to be completed during 2006-07.

For Sengottai-Tenkasi (8 Kilometres) section, land acquisition is under process by the State Government.